

II. REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's Interview conducted telephonically on January 28, 2008, with a follow-up telephone conversation conducted on January 30, 2008, between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Wesley Ashton. During these interviews, the Examiner informed Applicant's representative that with respect to SEQ ID NO. 32 the invention is allowable over the art considered by the Examiner. Therefore, the Examiner informed Applicant's representative that the above-captioned application may be placed in condition for allowance by limiting the claimed invention to subject matter pertaining to SEQ ID No. 32.

In view of the above, claims 1, 4, 29-43, 45 and 46 have been cancelled without prejudice, claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13-24, 26 and 27 have been amended, and new claims 47-62 have been added. Specifically, independent claim 2 has been amended to pertain to SEQ ID NO. 32. Independent claim 3 has been amended to recite subject matter from claim 4 pertaining to SEQ ID No. 32.

Claim 5 has been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claim 10 has been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claims 7, 8, 13, 21 and 23 have been amended to improve grammar and not for a reason related to patentability. Therefore, the present amendment has no further limiting effect on the scope of claims 7, 8, 13, 21 and 23.

Claims 14-20 and 22 have been amended to delete subject matter now recited by new claims 47-55. Claim 27 has been amended to delete subject matter now recited by new claim 62.

Claim 24 has been amended to delete multiple dependency and to improve grammar. New claims 56 and 57 correspond to embodiments deleted from claims 24 and 25. New claims 58-61 pertain to embodiments deleted from claims 26-28.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications in order to pursue patent protection for subject matter not allowed in the present application.

III. CONCLUSION

Independent claims 2 and 3 have been amended to pertain to the allowable SEQ ID No. 32. Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are allowable for the reasons of record. All of the remaining claims depend either directly, or indirectly, upon independent claims 2 and 3 and are, therefore, likewise allowable.

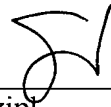
With respect to claim 44, which depends upon claim 10, and therefore depends upon claim 2, Applicant contends that this claim belongs to the invention of Group I, and should not have been withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests that claim 44 be included in Group I, and be allowed.

For all of the above reasons, claims 2, 3, 5-28, 44 and 47-62 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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